

DECEMBER 7, 1807.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

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## A Bill,

Supplemental to an act entitled “ An act regulating the grants of land and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee.”



1    Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
2    *the United States of America, in congress assembled, That every*  
3    person and the legal representatives of every person, who being  
4    either the head of a family or above the age of twenty-one years, and  
5    who did on the 3d day of March, 1807, actually inhabit and culti-  
6    vate a tract of land not claimed by virtue of a certificate granted  
7    by the board of commissioners east and west of Pearl river, in the  
8    Missississippi territory, and who has obtained permission to remain  
9    on such tract or tracts of land agreeably to an act intituled “ An  
10  act to prevent settlements being made on lands cèded to the United

1     Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every person claiming  
2 a tract of land by virtue of this act, shall, before the  
3 day of \_\_\_\_\_ next, deliver to the register of the land  
4 office within whose district the land may be, a notice of his claim,  
5 in writing, together with a plat of the tract of land claimed ; and if  
6 any person shall fail to deliver such notice and plat, the person or  
7 persons so failing, shall forfeit all claim, or pretension of claim  
8 to such tract of land, and the same shall be sold with the other lands  
9 of the United States in said territory.

1     Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That persons entitled to a  
2 right of pre-emption under the first section of this act shall be al-  
3 lowed until the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ next, to make the first  
4 payment of the purchase money of such tract or tracts of land as

5 may be claimed by virtue of said section, and the residue of the  
6 said purchase money shall be paid in the same manner and under  
7 the same conditions as directed for the other lands in said territory.

1   *Sec. 4. And be it further enacted,* That if it shall appear to the  
2 register of the land office and receiver of public monies within whose  
3 district a tract or tracts of land, may be claimed by virtue of this act,  
4 that such tract or tracts of land, exclusive of the improvements made  
5 thereon, are of greater value than the sum of two dollars an acre,  
6 and that to grant the same under the first section of this act, would  
7 be manifestly injurious to the United States, it shall be the duty of  
8 such register and receiver to rate such tract or tracts of land at a  
9 fair and equitable price, and to offer the same to the actual settler at  
10 such price, and if such settler should refuse to accept the same, that  
11 then such tract or tracts of land shall be offered for sale, with the  
12 other lands of the United States in said territory: *Provided,* that  
13 this act shall not extend to any person or persons claiming other  
14 lands in said territory in his or their own right, by virtue of British  
15 or Spanish grants, or to any person or persons to whom a donation  
16 has been granted, by either of the said boards of commissioners.